

The Wars of Religion (1560s-1648)-

GET READY!

Civil War In France (1562-1598)

The Valois Family: The Beginning of the End

- ❖ Henri II was the last powerful Valois
- ❖ Three weak sons followed: No heirs
 - Francis II
 - Charles IX
 - Henri III
- ❖ Catherine de Medici controlled the sons:
 - Was mother to the boys
 - Played both sides in the civil war
 - Developed a reputation for cruelty

Catherine de Medici



Francis II & His Wife, Mary Stuart



The French Civil War

- ❖ There were two sides:
 - Guise family led Catholics in North
 - Bourbon family led Huguenots in South
 - Fighting for the royal inheritance
- ❖ Catherine supported the Guises in the first phase.

Guises were extreme Catholics!!
- ❖ St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre
 - August 24, 1572
 - 20,000 Huguenots were killed
 - Henri of Navarre, a Bourbon, survived

St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre



The French Civil War

- ❖ Catherine started supporting the Bourbons.



- ❖ **Henri of Navarre** defeated Catholic League & becomes Henry IV of France.
- ❖ Effects of Civil War:
 - France was left divided by religion
 - Royal power had weakened
 - Valois family now replaced by Bourbons

Triumphal Entry of Henry IV Into Paris – Peter Paul Reubens



Henry IV of France



- ❖ Ended Spanish interference in France
- ❖ Converted to Catholicism :
 - Did this to compromise and make peace
 - *Paris is worth a mass.*
 - This was an example of *politique* [the interest of the state comes first before any religious considerations]
 - Fighting for the royal inheritance
- ❖ Passed *Edict of Nantes* in 1598:
 - Granted religious rights to Huguenots
 - Did *not* grant religious freedom for all

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648)

BACKGROUND

- FREDERICK IV-CALVINIST RULER of the PALATINATE –FORMED PROTESTANT UNION in the NORTH
- DUKE MAXIMILIAN FORMED A CATHOLIC LEAGUE in the SOUTH
- GERMANY DIVIDED INTO 2 ARMED RELIGIOUS CAMPS

1618-1648-HRE



Characteristics of the Thirty Years War

- ❖ The Holy Roman Empire was the battleground.
- ❖ At the beginning → it was the Catholics vs. the Protestants.
- ❖ At the end → it was Habsburg power that was threatened.
- ❖ Resolved by the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648.

The Bohemian Phase: 1618-1622

- ❖ Ferdinand II inherited Bohemia.
 - The Bohemians hated him.
 - Ferdinand refused to tolerate Protestants.
 - *Defenestration of Prague* → May, 1618



- Bohemia named a new king, Frederick II.

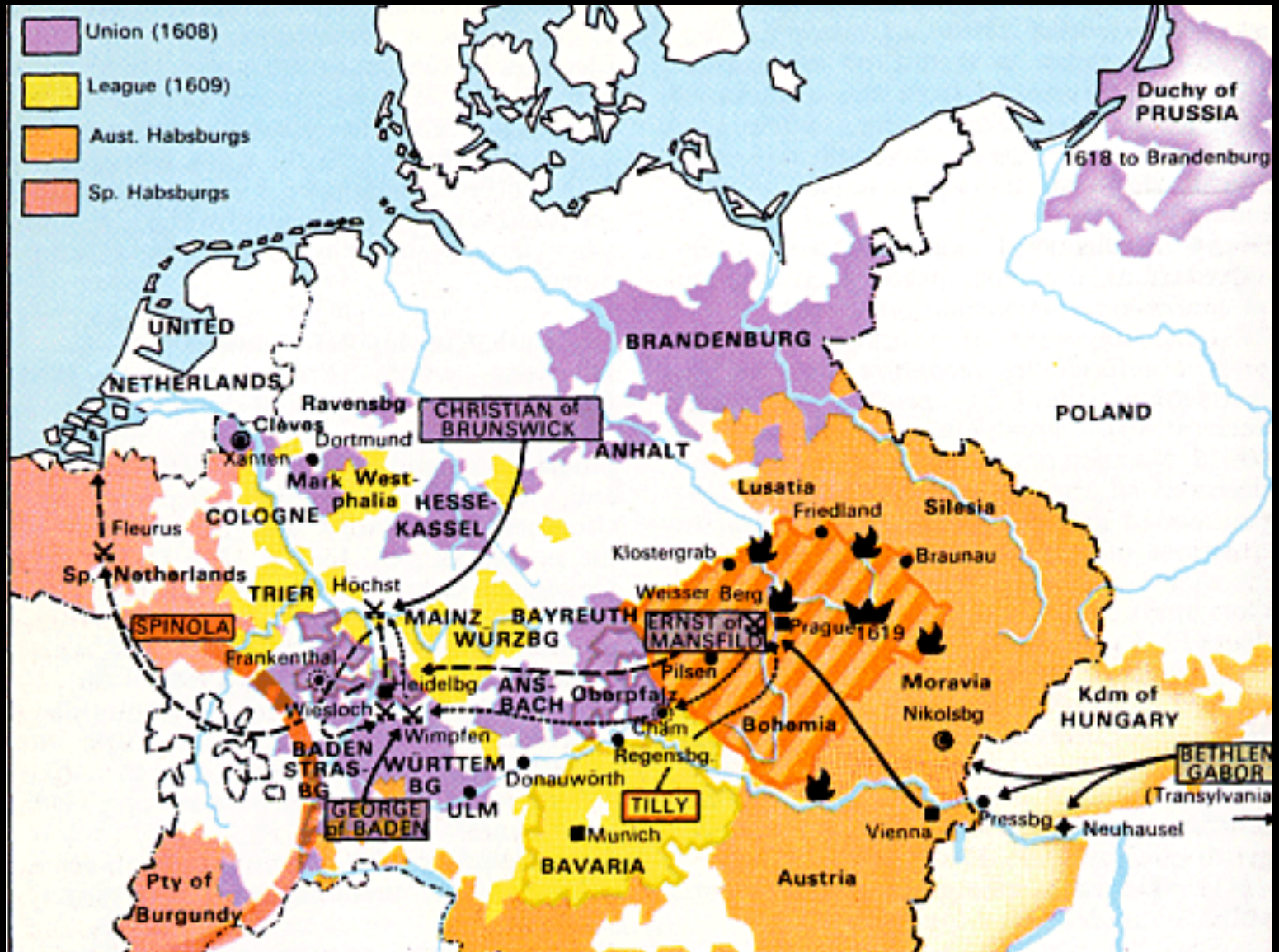
DEFENESTRATION of Prague-1618

- Protestants threw Catholic officials out of a window
- They survived-landed on manure-Catholics claimed saved by God
- An earlier Defenestration of 1419-Hussites-followers of Hus threw political enemies out of windows in Prague, Bohemia

The Bohemian Phase: 1618-1622

- ❖ Ferdinand II becomes Holy Roman Emperor -supported by the Catholic League
 - Frederick Leader of the Palatinate - Protestant Union is defeated by THE GERMAN LEAGUE in the BATTLE of WHITE MOUNTAIN
- ❖ The rebellion in Bohemia inspired others.

Bohemian Phase



The Danish Phase: 1625-1629

- ❖ Ferdinand II tried to end all resistance.
 - Tried to crush Protestant northern Holy Roman Empire.
 - Ferdinand II used **Albrecht von Wallenstein** for the army.
 - Wallenstein defeated Protestants in north.
- ❖ **Edict of Restitution (1629):**
 - Restored to Catholics all lands lost since 1552.
 - Deprived all Protestants, except Lutherans, of their religious and political rights.
- ❖ German princes feared Ferdinand → he fired Wallenstein in effort to calm them.

Danish Phase



Albrecht von Wallenstein



The Swedish Phase: 1630-1635

- ❖ France & Sweden now get involved.
 - Both want to stop **Habsburg power**.
 - Sweden led the charge.
 - France provided support.
- ❖ **Gustavus Adolphus** invaded the HR Empire.
 - Ferdinand II brought back Wallenstein.
 - Swedish advance was stopped.
 - **1632-Adolphus killed-Battle of Lutzen**
- ❖ German princes still feared Ferdinand II.
- ❖ Wallenstein assassinated to appease them.

Swedish Phase



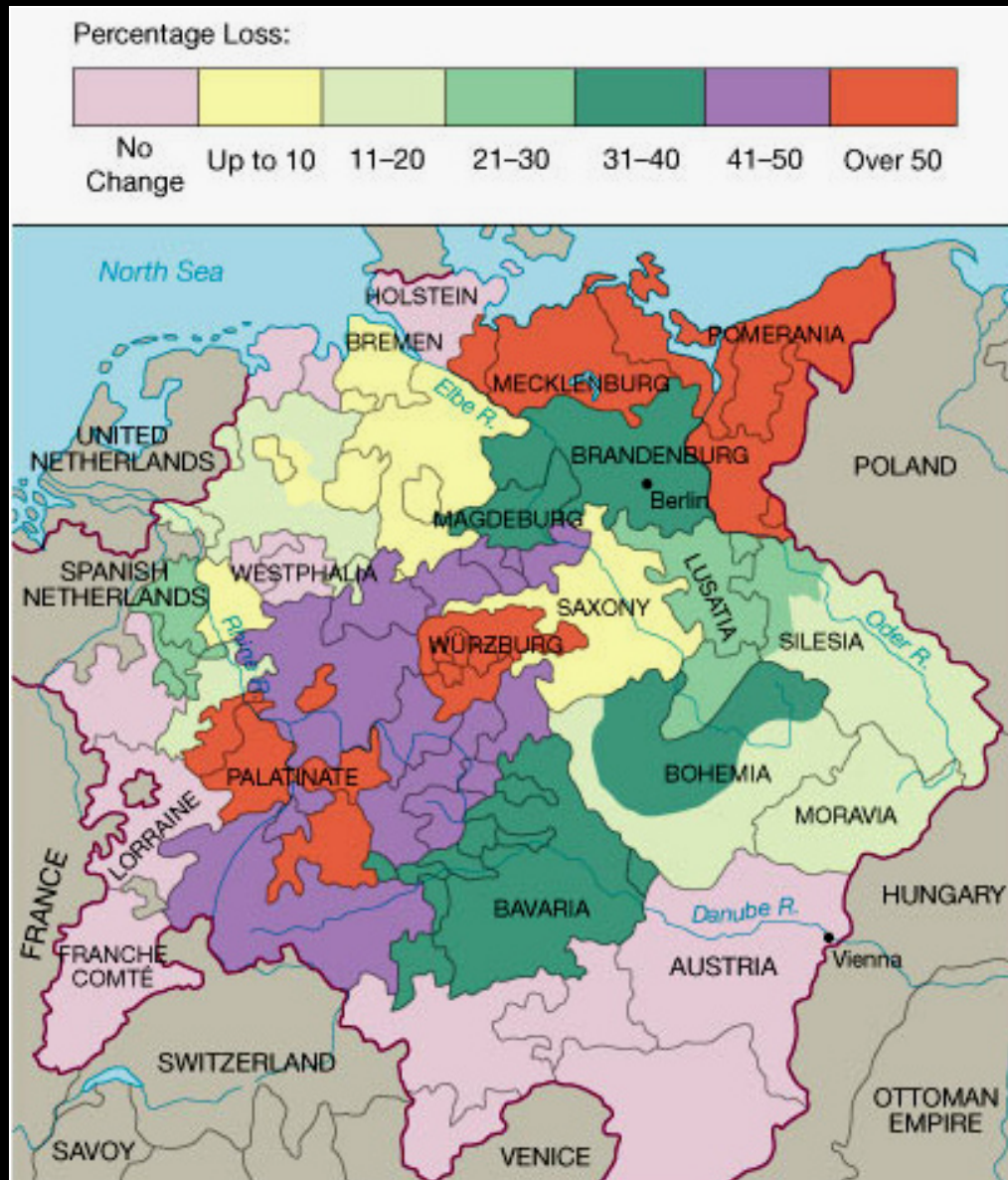


**Gustavus
Adolphus**

The French Phase: 1635-1648

- ❖ France & Sweden switched roles.
- ❖ Now Catholic France is supporting Protestant Swedes against the **Habsburgs** under **Cardinal Richelieu** (LXIII Chief Minister)
- ❖ All countries in Europe now participated.
- ❖ **This phase was most destructive!**
 - German towns decimated.
 - Agriculture collapsed → famine resulted.
 - 8 million dead → 1/3 of the population [from 21 million in 1618 to 13.5 million in 1648]
 - Caused massive inflation.
 - Trade was crippled throughout Europe.

Loss of German Lives in 30 Years' War



The Peace of Westphalia (1648)

❖ Political Provisions:

- Each German prince became free from any kind of control by the HR Emperor.
- The **United Provinces** [Dutch Neths.] became officially independent → so. part remained a Spanish possession.
- **France** received. most of the German-speaking province of **Alsace**.
- Sweden → got lands in N. Germany on the Baltic & Black Sea coasts.
- Switzerland became totally independent of the HR Emperor → **Swiss Confederation**.
- **Sweden** won a voice in the Diet of the HR Emp.
- Brandenburg got important territories on North Sea & in central Germany.

The Peace of Westphalia (1648)

❖ Religious Provisions:

- Calvinists would have the same privileges as the Lutherans had in the Peace of Augsburg.
- The ruler of each state could determine its official religion, BUT [except in the hereditary lands of the Habsburgs], he must permit freedom of private worship.

Treaty of Westphalia (1648)



1688-1700



Nobody Was Happy!

- ❖ Many Protestants felt betrayed.
- ❖ The pope denounced it.
- ❖ Only merit → it ended the fighting in a war that became intolerable!
- ❖ For the next few centuries, this war was blamed for everything that went wrong in Central Europe.

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